

まおゆう

魔王勇者

第一話

MAOYU (DEMON QUEEN ~ HERO)
CHAPTER 1

I
REFUSE!!

BECOME
MINE...

HERO!



Archemany and Hero 1st chapter 第一話

この我のものと なれ! 勇者よ!

BECOME MINE, HERO!



アークとヒーロー

Archer and Hero

魔王 勇者

「この我がものとなれ勇者よ」 「断る！」

石田あきら 檀乃ままれ

（キャラクター設定・脚本・作画）

Archer
"I AM THE NEW KING HERO"
"DEMON & TEEN - HERO"
"BECOME MY KING, HERO!" "I REFUSE!"

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DON'T
PLAY
DUMB!

WHY
NOT?

DON'T YOU
KNOW HOW
MANY
COUNTRIES
HAVE FALLEN
BECAUSE
OF YOU?



IN THE
TIN
COUNTRY,
THE
GOVERNOR
WAS
BEWITCHED
AND THE
COUNTRY
FELL INTO
CHAOS...

IN THE
NORTHERN
FOREST,
THE SKY IS
BLACK AND
PEOPLE
LIVE IN
POVERTY...

ISN'T THAT
BECAUSE
THE
GOVERNOR
TRIED TO
SEIZE POWER
AND CREATE
A HAREM OF
PRINCESSES...
AND FAILED.

ISN'T
THAT
BECAUSE
OF THEIR
MINDLESS
EFFORTS
TO
PRODUCE
CHARCOAL
WHICH LED
TO
POLLUTION?







MIDDLE PAGE SIGNS: TOP LEFT - EMPLOYMENT, TOP RIGHT - EXPLOSION OF DEMANDS, BOTTOM LEFT - CONSUMPTION TREND, BOTTOM RIGHT - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

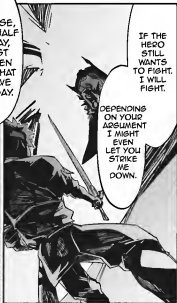




WHAT
WE
HAVE

IS A
ONCE
IN A
LIFETIME
OPPORTUNITY.

PLEASE,
FOR HALF
A DAY,
JUST
LISTEN
TO WHAT
I HAVE
TO SAY.



IF THE
HERO
STILL
WANTS
TO FIGHT,
I WILL
FIGHT.

DEPENDING
ON YOUR
ARGUMENT
I MIGHT
EVEN
LET YOU
STRIKE
ME
DOWN.



I
UNDER-
STAND.



HOW-
EVER!

IF
YOU
DO
ANYTHING
SUSPICIOUS,
I WILL
TAKE
YOUR
NECK.

FINE...
SPEAK!



うん...

THEN
I'LL
EXPLAIN.

PLEASE
TURN
TO
PAGE
ONE
OF
YOUR
DOCU-
MENTS.

A
DIAGRAM?

IT'S
CALLED
A GRAPH.
IT VISUALLY
REPRESENTS
THE

EXPENDITURE,
ECONOMY
AND
POPULATION
OF THE
MIDDLE
KINGDOMS
DURING
THE LAST
50 YEARS.

SECOND HOLY
CRUSADE

FIRST HOLY
CRUSADE

GREAT
FAMINE

NO
WAY...

SECOND HOLY
CRUSADE

FIRST HOLY
CRUSADE

THE
POPULATION
ALSO
STARTED
TO GROW.

AS YOU
CAN SEE,
THE MIDDLE
KINGDOM
STARTED
EXPERIENCING
GROWTH
WHEN OUR
BATTLE
STARTED
15 YEARS
AGO.




THERE'S
GOT TO
BE
SOMETHING
WRONG
ABOUT
THAT
WAY OF
THINKING!



PEOPLE
DIE
DURING
WAR, WHY
WOULD
THERE BE
MORE
PEOPLE?

WELL...
THAT
IS
NORMAL-
LY THE
CASE.

HOWEVER
IN THIS
WORLD
CIRCUM-
STANCES
WERE A
LITTLE
DIFFERENT
BEFORE
THE
BATTLE.



BEFORE
WARS...
WELL
BEFORE
THIS WAR,
THE MAJOR
CAUSES OF
DEATH FOR
PEOPLE
WERE
DISEASE
AND
HUNGER.

THESE
TWO
WERE
EXTREMELY
FATAL TO
MANKIND
AND
YOU
COULDN'T
OVERCOME
THEM
FOR OVER
500
YEARS.



THE
POPULATION
WAS
ANYTHING
BUT
INCREASING,
WITH MANY
SUCCUMBING
TO PLAGUES,
CAUSING THE
POPULATION TO
DIMINISH.



THE
REASON
IS
SIMPLE.

THE
ESTABLISH-
MENT
OF THE
"MIDDLE
KINGDOMS
CRISIS
ASSEMBLY"
WAS A
MAJOR
FACTOR.

I HAVE
LIVED A
PRETTY
LONG
LIFE AND
HAVE
NEVER
ONCE
SEEN A
SPIRIT.



WHY...?

WAS IT A
BLESSING
BY THE
SPIRITS
WHO SAW
WE WERE
SUFFER-
ING
AT THE
HANDS OF
DEVONSP?

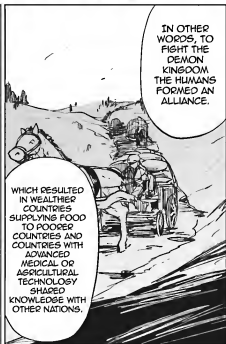
THE
NUMBER
OF
DEATHS...

...CAUSED
BY DISEASE
AND HUNGER
DROPPED BY
60% WHEN
THE WAR
BEGAN.



ISN'T THAT
JUST
HUMAN
COMPAS-
SION?

I WOULDN'T
FEEL SO
PROUD SINCE
IT WOULDN'T
HAVE
HAPPENED
WITHOUT THE
WAR WITH
DEVONS.



IN OTHER
WORDS, TO
FIGHT THE
DEMON
KINGDOM
THE HUMANS
FORMED AN
ALLIANCE.

WHICH RESULTED
IN WEALTHIER
COUNTRIES
SUPPLYING FOOD
TO POORER
COUNTRIES AND
COUNTRIES WITH
ADVANCED
MEDICAL OR
AGRICULTURAL
TECHNOLOGY
SHARED
KNOWLEDGE WITH
OTHER NATIONS.





ONE IS
THAT THE
MARKET
FLOW IS
DEPENDENT
ON A
"DISTORTED
ECONOMIC
STRUCTURE".

MARKET
FLOW?

THE FLOW OF
GOODS IN THE
MARKET, SUCH
AS FOOD,
CLOTHES AND
EVERYTHING
FROM
EVERYDAY
GOODS TO
WEAPONS,
METALS AND
WOOD.

IN WAR
EVERYTHING
IS MASS
CONSUMED.

IN THE
SOUTHERN
KINGDOMS,
WHICH ARE
LOCATED AT THE
BATTLEFRONT,
GOODS ARE
CONSTANTLY
FLOWING IN
FROM THE
MIDDLE
KINGDOMS.

MIDDLE
KINGDOMS

SOUTHERN
KINGDOMS

WINTER
COUNTRY

ICE
COUNTRY

IRON
COUNTRY

WHITE NIGHT
COUNTRY

I WISH
YOU
WOULDN'T
PRAISE
ME LIKE
THAT.

GOOD
JOB

ON
PICKING
THAT UP!

OH?

DON'T
THEY
NEED
TO PAY
FOR THE
GOODS
THEY ARE
GETTING?

HOW
ARE THE
SOUTHERN
KINGDOMS
PAYING FOR
ALL THAT?



THAT IS
HUMAN
KIND-
NESS!

IT'S
THAT
WARM
HELPING
HEART

AH-HA!
SO THAT'S
IT! DON'T
YOU SEE
IT DEMON
QUEEN?



THAT MONEY
COMES
FROM THE
WARTIME FUND
ESTABLISHED
BY THE "MIDDLE
KINGDOMS
CRISIS
ASSEMBLY"

THE WHOLE
WORLD IS
SENDING
FUNDS
TO THE
SOUTHERN
KINGDOMS
LOCKED IN
COMBAT.



THEY'RE
GIVING THEM
AN
ALLOWANCE
SO THAT
THEY CAN
BUY FROM
THEM.

THE MIDDLE
KINGDOMS
SEND THAT
MONEY SO
THAT THE
SOUTHERN
KINGDOMS
CAN BUY THEIR
GOODS.



BY
SENDING
MONEY FOR
PURCHASES

THEY
ESTABLISH
A THICK
FLOW OF
MONEY AND
GOODS,
WHICH IS WHAT
WE CALL AN
"ABUNDANCE".

AMASSING
A FORTUNE
CAN MAKE
YOU "RICH"
HOWEVER
IT DOESN'T
GRANT
YOU AN
"ABUNDANCE".



HHMM...
TO
PUT IT
SIMPLY...

...?
...?
WHAT ARE
YOU
SAYING
ABOUT?



HUMAN SOCIETY DEPENDS ON THE SOUTHERN KINGDOMS TO BE A "MASS SPENDER" AS WELL AS THE "DEFENSIVE LINE".

EVEN IF THAT IS SO... MARKET FLOW IMPROVES, THE MONEY THEY ARE SPENDING IS THEIRS TO BEGIN WITH, RIGHT?

THE MONEY THAT THE SOUTHERN KINGDOMS ARE SPENDING IS DONATED FROM THE MIDDLE KINGDOMS, ISN'T IT?

ISN'T THAT... A BIT STRANGE?

AND THAT DAMAGE WILL SPREAD AND RESULT IN THE DEATH OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE.

IF THE WAR SHOULD COME TO AN END, AND THE MASS SPENDER VANISHES, THE PRODUCERS IN THE MIDDLE KINGDOMS WILL SUFFER THE MOST DAMAGE.

IT'S NOT LIKE THE WHOLE HUMAN WORLD DOESN'T HAVE A STAKE IN THIS WAR.



THE SOUTHERN KINGDOMS ARE EXPORTING "SAFETY" TO THE MIDDLE KINGDOMS.

IN OTHER WORDS, THEY ARE EARNING MONEY BY DEFENDING THE MIDDLE KINGDOMS WITH THEIR OWN BLOOD.



BECAUSE OF THE WAR AGAINST DEMONS, HUMANS WERE UNITED.

AND AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MARKET AND THE SPREAD OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY HELPED DECREASE DISEASE AND HUNGER...



HOWEVER EVEN THOUGH THE EXPLANATION IS SIMPLE, IT DOESN'T MAKE THE SITUATION ANY EASIER.



THE OTHER REASON... IS MUCH EASIER TO EXPLAIN.



YEAH.

I SAW CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM HUNGER MANY TIMES ON MY JOURNEY.



HOWEVER THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE FOOD PRODUCTION OF THIS WORLD HAS DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED AS WELL EITHER.

ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT AS MANY, PEOPLE STILL DIE FROM HUNGER.



TO
SURVIVE
THEY
NEED
FOOD.

BUT
THERE
ISN'T
ENOUGH
PRODUCE.



IN A
WORLD
LIKE THIS,
WHERE
NO ONE
DIED AT
WAR,
WHAT
WOULD
HAPPEN?

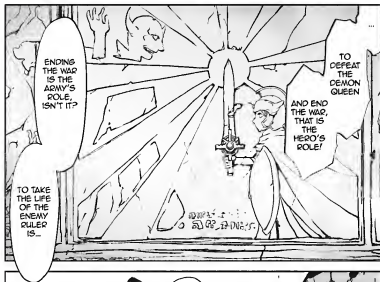
THE
MIDDLE
KINGDOM
WOULD
OVERFLOW
WITH
PEOPLE
WHO ONLY
KNOW HOW
TO SWING A
SWORD IN
BATTLE.



I
DON'T
BELIEVE
...

...IT'S
THE
TRUTH.







IF THIS
WAR WERE
TO END,
WIN OR
LOSE THE
HUMANS
WILL
PERISH.

IT'S
LIKELY...

THE
RULERS
OF THE
HUMAN
WORLD
UNDER-
STAND
THIS AS
WELL.



HUMANS OR
DEMONS...
EVEN IF ONE
WINS AND
TOOK
CONTROL
OVER THE
OTHER'S
LAND

...ANOTHER
WAR WILL
ERUPT
AMONG THE
REMAINING
HUMANS OR
DEMONS
OVER THOSE
LANDS
AND MORE
BLOOD WILL
FLOW.

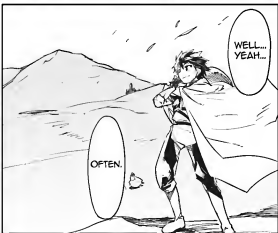


EVEN IF
YOU ARE
DEFEATED.

EVEN IF I
SURRENDER,

I'LL BE
DEALT WITH
IN SECRET
AND THE WAR
WITH THE
DEMONS
WILL
CONTINUE
WITH A NEW
RULER.
TO THAT
EXTENT THIS
WAR IS A
NECESSITY
FOR HUMAN
SOCIETY.







"BECOME
MINE,
HERO!"

SO THAT
I CAN
FIND THE
THINGS
I WANT
AND
HAVEN'T
SEEN,

BECOME
MY EYES,
MY LIGHT
AND
SWORD.



WELL

I WANT
TO EXPERIENCE
THAT.

...YOU
WANT
TO BE A
HERO?



ALMOST,
BUT NO.

I AM THE
DEMON
QUEEN.....

I CAN'T SAY
IT MAKES ME
HAPPY BUT I
FEEL
RESPONSIBLE
AND DON'T
WANT TO
PUSH THE
ROLE ONTO
SOMEONE
ELSE.



THAT
SAID,

I WANT
TO SEE
THINGS I
HAVE
NEVER
SEEN
BEFORE.

SO
I WILL
SAY IT
AGAIN.







IN OTHER
WORDS
MYSELF.

I CAN
OFFER
MYSELF
TO THE
HERO AS
IT IS MY
DECISION.

SO
PLEASE,
BECOME
MINE.



WELL,
EITHER
WAY IT'S
A
STALE-
MATE.

...ALTHOUGH
I HAVE
LOST THE
INCLINATION
TO BATTLE
YOU.



NO,

I HAVE
ANOTHER
PROPOS-
AL.



I WON'T
OFFER A
HALF THE
WORLD IN
A
PATHETIC
DEAL.

AS THESE
LANDS
ARE NOT
MINE TO
HAND
OVER.

THE
PRICE

THAT
WILL
SATISFY
THE
HERO
IS ONE
I MUST
PAY
MYSELF.







I WANT TO
SEE THE
OTHER
SIDE OF
THIS WAR.



TO SEE
IF WE
CAN FIND
SOME
OTHER
WAY TO
END IT.



THEN IT
WON'T
JUST BE
FOR
MYSELF...



...BUT WE
COULD
SHOW THE
ENTIRE
WORLD
SOMETHING
IT HASN'T
SEEN YET,
RIGHT?





YES,

THAT'S
ALL
THAT I
AM.



THAT.

THAT'S
WHAT
YOU
WANT
RIGHT?



IF
IT'S THE
MILITARY'S
JOB TO
FIGHT THE
WAR,

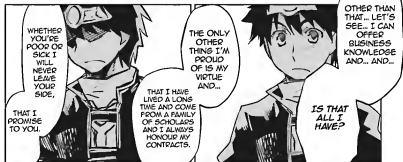
THEN
IT'S THE
QUEEN'S
JOB TO
FIND THE
RESOLU-
TION.



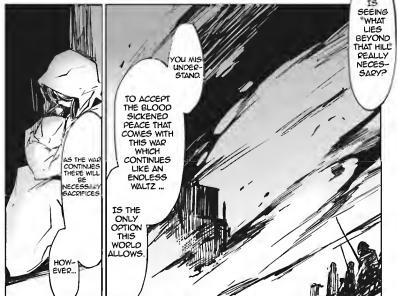
I'VE BEEN
THINKING
SIMILAR
THOUGHTS
MY WHOLE
LIFE.











IS
SEEING
"WHAT
LIES
BEYOND
THAT HILL"
REALLY
NECESS-
SARY?

YOU MIS-
UNDER-
STAND.

TO ACCEPT
THE BLOOD
SICKENED
PEACE THAT
COMES WITH
THIS WAR
WHICH
CONTINUES
LIKE AN
ENDLESS
WALTZ ...

IS THE
ONLY
OPTION
THIS
WORLD
ALLOWS.

AS THE WAR
CONTINUES
THERE WILL
BE
NECESSARY
SACRIFICES

HOW-
EVER...



WHY DO
YOU NOT
WANT TO
MAKE A
CONTRACT?

THE HERO
WON'T HAVE
TO DIRTY HIS
HANDS
DIRECTLY.



BECAUSE
THIS IS THE
MOST
IMPORTANT
CONVERSA-
TION IN THE
WORLD.

I DON'T
WANT TO
TRICK YOU
INTO
AGREEING.



THIS CONVERSATION ISN'T ABOUT RIGHT AND WRONG.

IT IS A DISCUSSION ON MARKET FLOW USING GAME THEORY AS EVIDENCE.



YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT WHAT IS RIGHT.



WHAT YOU EARN IN DECEIT WILL BE LOST IN ONE NIGHT.



IN OTHER WORDS, TO OVERCOME THE "PRISONER'S DILEMMA", WE NEED MUTUAL TRUST. THIS LEADS TO A STABLE SITUATION OF MUTUAL BENEFIT.



VERY WELL.



I WILL
BECOME
YOURS.



DO YOU
LIKE
THESE
THINGS?

DON'T
WOBBLE
THEN!

...?



REALLY?

REALLY...

BUT IT'S
BECAUSE
OF WHAT
YOU SAID
NOT YOUR
BREASTS.



MAY I...
TOUCH
YOU?

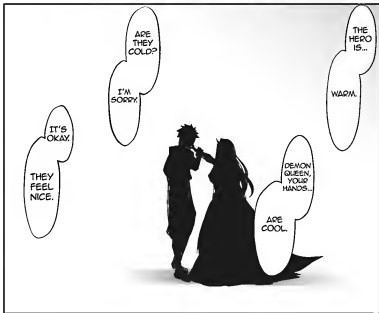


WHAT?



HERO?







I AM THE
DEMON
QUEEN'S.



I AM
THE
HERO'S.



終 第一話
この我のものとなれ、勇者よ!

END OF CHAPTER 1: BECOME MINE, HERO!